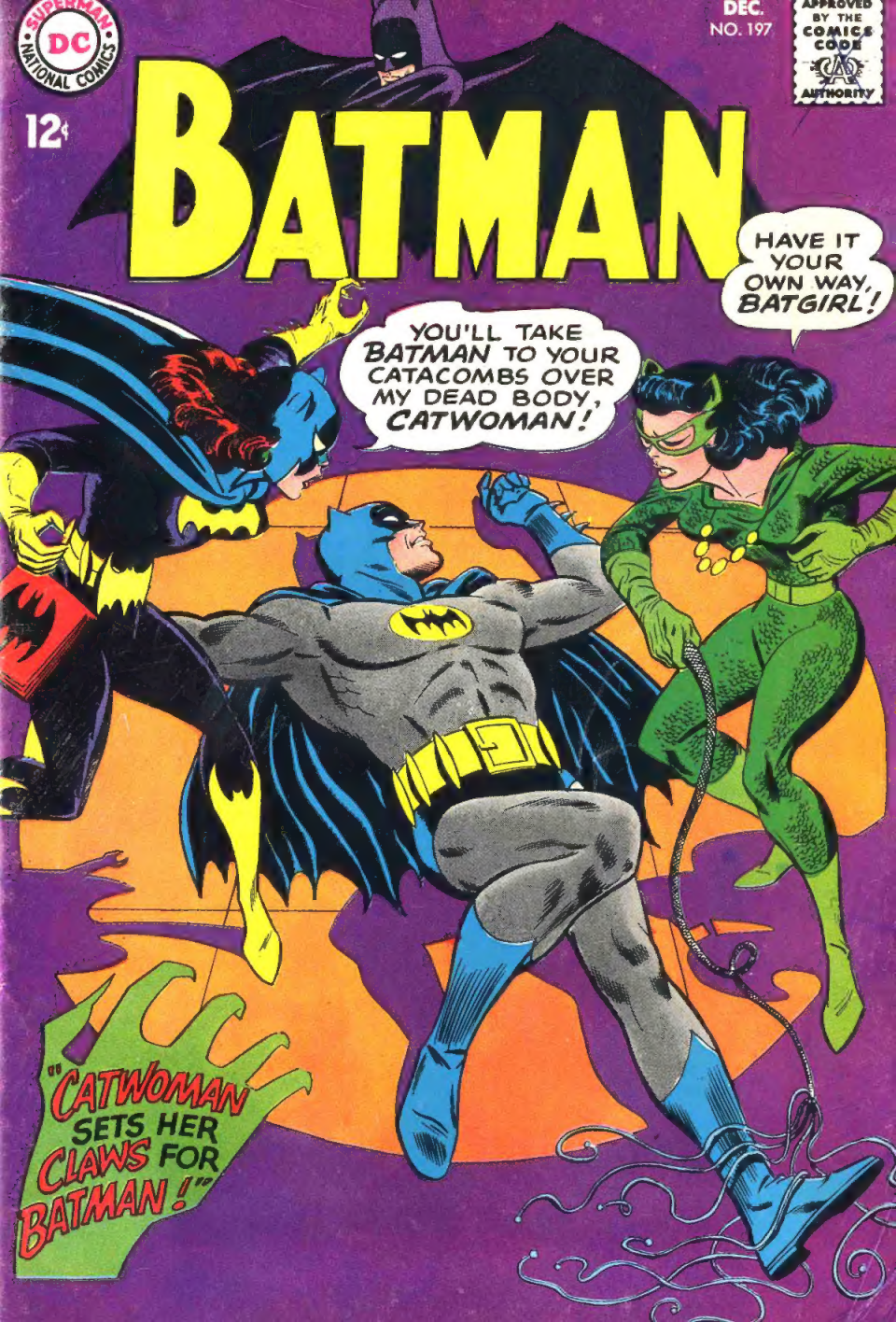
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BATMAN
With ROBIN The Boy Wonder
MY FATE IS IN YOUR HANDS, BATMAN!
AM I TO BE BRIDE--OR BURGLAR?
BEFORE YOU ANSWER, I MUST WARN YOU THAT IF YOU REFUSE MY PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE--YOU DOOM NOT ONLY YOURSELF, BUT ROBIN AND BATGIRL AS WELL, TO THE DEADLY CATAPHONIC TRAP YOU'RE STANDING IN!
BOB KANE

WHAT A DESIGNING WOMAN WAS--*CATWOMAN!* SHE HAD DESIGNS ON SNARING *BATMAN* FOR HER MATE--EVEN IF IT MEANT ABANDONING HER ROLE AS THE *PRINCESS OF PLUNDER!* IF THE WORST CAME TO PASS AND HE TURNED HER DOWN, SHE'D MANAGE TO SURVIVE WITHOUT *BATMAN*--WHILE MAKING SURE *HE* DIDN'T LIVE AT ALL.!

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BATMAN--YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE "TAKEN"!
THESE ARE THE CAT'S WHISKERS--DELICATE FILAMENTS ATTUNED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY...
AH! VILLAINY AFOOT--IN THE WINERY!
AND THIS IS CATWOMAN--THE CRIME CRUSADER--AT THE WHEEL!...
THEY'RE AFTER ITS PAYROLL--BUT THEY'RE GOING TO LATCH ON TO MY CLAWS!
BATMAN--THIS IS THE BEGINNING...OF YOUR END!...
YES--THIS IS THAT FELINE FEMALE--LONG A CATASTROPHIC THREAT TO LAW AND ORDER--NOW TURNED CROOK CATCHER EXTRAORDINARY!...
AS FOR BATGIRL--SHE'S HAD IT!
THERE'S A NEW TOP CAT IN TOWN!
SHOCK WAVES RUN FROM THE LEATHER THONGS OF THE CAT-O'-NINE-TAILS AS...
GET YOUR GRUBBY FINGERS OFF THAT CASH!
YAIIII!
WHO'S THAT?!
SWWIIIP!
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CATWOMAN--?!
BUT YOU'RE A CROOK--LIKE US!
NO LONGER! I'VE REFORMED! THE "NOW LOOK" CATWOMAN HAS JOINED THE OTHER SIDE!
IN THAT CASE--WE'RE GONNA BRING YOUR NEW CAREER TO A SUDDEN STOP!
YEAH--WITH A COUPLE OF BULLET HOLES IN YOUR CAT'S HIDE!
BAH! YOU'RE NOT MEN--YOU'RE MICE!
AS THONGS STRETCH TO CURL ABOUT AN OVERHANGING CHANDELIER--CATWOMAN TUGS...
AND I USE TRAPS TO CATCH MICE!
KAA-RAASH!
AS THE THIRD CROOK TAKES TO HIS HEELS...
THERE'LL BE NO CHICKENING OUT WHILE I'M AROUND!
ZWANK!
THIS'LL PUT YOU IN A CATABATIC TRANCE!
ZWAK!
TWOW!
NOW TO CROSS PATHS WITH BATMAN--SHOW HIM MY NIGHT'S CATCH--
--AND AT THE SAME TIME SHOW UP BATGIRL!
3

SHIPS MAY PASS IN THE NIGHT UNSEEN AND UNHEARD--BUT NOT THE KITTY CAR AND BATMOBILE...
GREETINGS, CAPED CRUSADERS! BAGGED ANYTHING YET?
IT'S CATWOMAN--AND SHE'S CAPTURED THE PARKER BROTHERS!
WE'VE BEEN AFTER THAT GANG FOR WEEKS!
MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO ASK HER ROBIN!
WHAT'S SHE UP TO, BATMAN--MASQUERADING IN THAT NEW UNIFORM?
YOU'RE NOW LOOKING AT THE NOW LOOK CATWOMAN--MY CRIMINAL PAST IS BEHIND ME--MY FUTURE IS TO JAIL ALL THE THIEVES I CAN LAY MY CAT-O-NINE TAILS ON!
YOU'VE REFORMED BEFORE, CATWOMAN--BUT IT NEVER LASTED LONG!
YOU SHALL SEE FOR YOURSELF, YOU DOUBTING ROBIN--BEGINNING WITH THIS HAUL AT A WINERY WHERE I WENT CAT-WILD!
IT'S A PURR-FECT DEMONSTRATION THAT ANYTHING BATGIRL CAN DO, I CAN DO--BETTER!
TA-TA! I'LL BE SEEING YOU IN THE MORNING PAPERS!
THIS NIGHT'S WORK WILL CATAPULT ME INTO THE HEADLINES!
WHAT SNEAKY GAME IS SHE PLAYING?
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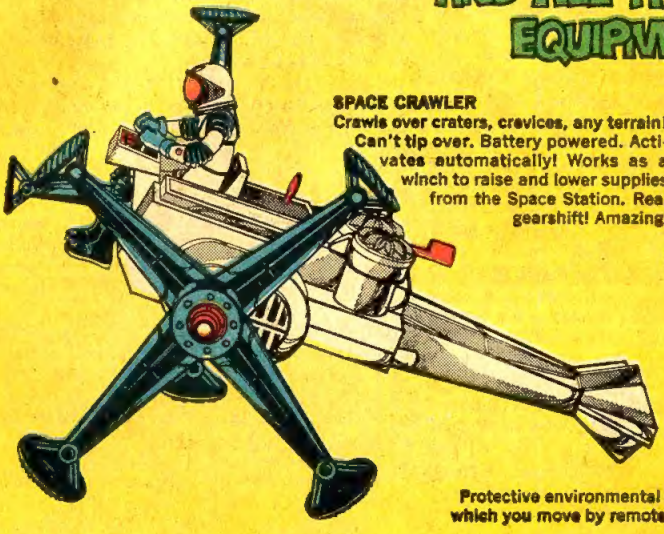

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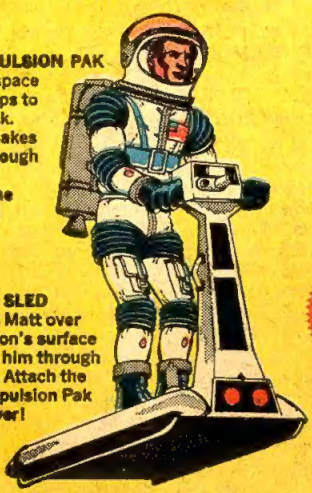

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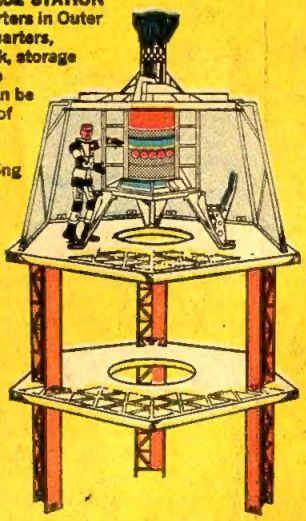

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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE

DEAR EDITOR:

I was going to start out this letter with a big *"Holy Squarecrow!"* because that nuttly little chessboard just vanished from atop DC covers. (I won't miss it!) But that crazy *Blockbuster* cover on *Batman* 194! The action, the excitement, the mystery (and the great lettering) it contained! How could anyone, ' specially me, resist it?

But why didn't I start out with a "Holy—" gag? For one simple little reason: not one appeared in the WHOLE MAG! CONGRATULATIONS! This ish will go down in history as the one that started *Batman* back from limbo where all fads are destined. As a matter of fact, the cover had no large "BLAM!" and there was a great space for one! I'm very glad to see this trademark (the silent but explosive action) come back from its Golden Age hiding place. Y'know, it kinda chokes me up.

But the "Smash Hit of the Year" it wasn't. It was the *second* greatest. It was really great, and I loved *almost* every second. I enjoyed seeing *Batman* as a "creature of the night. Black, terrible. A—A—Bat!" (Sorry if I got carried away quoting Bruce Wayne's words of 1940.) All those moonlit scenes and silhouettes! But I must admit, I didn't like the artwork of *Blockbuster* on page 9. Maybe I was spoiled by the double-plus art of page 8.

It was the issue's second story, "Problem of the Proxy Paintings," that was the real smash hit of the year! More, please! More mysteries! More detective work! And more of the *Mystery Analysts!*

—W. M. Neville, Raleigh, N.C.

(Because of the tremendous favorable reader reaction to the *Blockbuster* cover, it behooves us to indulge in one more follow-up rave.—*Editor*)

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DEAR EDITOR:

At last, an artistically creative cover with a minimum of blurbs. A cover that tells its own story. I've longed for something like this for years at DC. The ice is broken. May all the covers swim in the fresh water. A masterpiece. Thanx.

—Ed Lahmann, Indianapolis, Ind.

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DEAR EDITOR:

It's not that I don't enjoy a good fight. And it's not that I don't think that the *Blockbuster* is about *Batman's* best opponent for a good fight. It is that "The Blockbuster Goes Bat-Mad" was *all* fight—all brawn, no brains, no detecting—scientific or otherwise. (A little figuring out, maybe, but no detecting.) Still that was quite a battle, well-drawn by Bob Kane.

But, oh the wonderfullness of then coming upon another *Mystery Analysts of Gotham City* entry! It's not that (here we go again) I think this was one of the best *M.A.* stories ever published. It is that I enjoy the style, permanent characters, etc. of *every M.A.* tale.

Say, how about having the greatest *Mystery Analyst* of them all appear sometime as a guest? I know that he never lived in *Gotham City*. But wasn't he, actually, if you count the "Inverness," the *original Caped Crimefighter?* And first well-known scientific detective, fighting crime for the sheer joy of solving strange mysteries? With the skilled writers around this mag, I'm sure this feat would be "Elementary, my dear editor" for you to manage. But be that as it may, I hope the *Mystery Analysts* will be scheduled to hold another meeting soon, as they are the one solution to solving the mystery of the make-up of a good issue.

—Moira Maynard, St. Paul, Minn.

(We're sure the celebrated guest you mention would feel right at *Holmes* with the *Mystery Analysts!*—*Editor*)

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DEAR EDITOR:

After perusing the pages of *Batman* 194 I have come to a decision. It was *great!* (Scared you for a while, eh?) I deliberated for some time before coming to this conclusion. The points that led me there are as follows:

(1) The absence of "Holy—" remarks by *Robin.*

(2) The slant away from *camp* and back to the type of story *Batman* is famous for—solid action.

(3) The return of *Blockbuster.*

(4) The *new* way in which *Batman* cowed the *Blockbuster.*

(5) *Blockbuster* losing his hatred for *Batman.*

(6) The cover title-logo. It was the most original and unusual one I've ever seen.

(7) *Batman* fighting without his mask on pages 7-8.

(8) *Batman's* solo action from page 6 thru 13.

(9) Another *Mystery Analysts of Gotham City* thriller.

(10) *Batman's* use of his exceptional detective and make-up abilities in both stories.

Well, there you have it. Ten reasons why *Batman* 194 is one not to be missed—or ignored when the *Alley Awards* are handed out.

—Robert Kowalski, Detroit, Mich.

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DEAR EDITOR:

I don't know how you ever did it! This makes five better-than-average issues in a row. This is due to the appearances of *Scarecrow, Penguin, Radon, Witts,* and now the *Blockbuster* to add to their well-written stories. This time *Batman* was really in trouble since the ways in which he formerly soothed the savage beast didn't work. This was good, since by doing this you kept the story from being just like previous blockbusters—and another bad pun hits the dust. I liked the way in which you, intentionally or not, gave the readers a clue as to *Batman's* method of tricking *BB* by showing us the white hand of *"Solomon Grundy."*

The trouble with the *Mystery Analysts* stories is that *Batman* does practically all the work while the others seemingly just sit around. I know it's *Batman's* mag but still, it's unfair.

—Peter Sanderson, Jr., Milton, Mass.

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I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHETHER SHE'S TRYING TO SHOW US UP -- OR BATGIRL --
--OR BOTH!
AT LEAST SHE'S "REFORMED" IN ONE WAY: IN THE PAST, HER CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES USED TO INVOLVE A "CAT" IN SOME WAY OR OTHER! BUT THERE'S NO "CAT" IN GOTHAM WINERY!
NOT SO, ROBIN! I HAPPEN TO KNOW THE GOTHAM WINERY USES CATAWBA GRAPES TO MAKE ITS WINES!
SO MAYBE SHE DOES HAVE A CAT-TRICK HIDDEN BEHIND HER CAT-MASK! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO POSSESS THE PATIENCE OF A CAT--TO LEARN WHAT IT IS!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT THE BAT-MOBILE DETECTION GEAR LOCATES A ROBBERY AT A SILK HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY...
NO SIGN OF OUR RIVAL--OR BATGIRL!
THAT SUITS ME FINE! NABBING CROOKS IS MAN'S WORK!
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AS IF TO REDEEM THEMSELVES IN THEIR OWN EYES (AFTER ALL, CATWOMAN CAUGHT THE PARKER GANG), THE CAPED CRUSADER AND BOY WONDER HURL THEMSELVES INTO THE FRAY...
A NECK-LOCK HIP-THROW FOR THIS ONE --
-- AND AN OLD-FASHIONED BELT IN THE STOMACH FOR MY CUSTOMER!
THAT WRAPS UP THIS TWO-SOME!
TOO BAD THERE AREN'T MORE! I'VE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT!
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OUT OF THE NEXT ROOM STORM FOUR HEAVILY MUSCLED THUGS--TO RAIN BLOWS ON THE UNSUSPECTING BATMAN...
THE BOSS HELD US IN RESERVE--JUST FOR AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS!
SOCK!
FROM THE SIDE, THE TEEN TITAN EXPLODES INTO ACTION...
HERE I COME LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE--
A BOLT OF BLUE SILK, THAT IS!
GNNKEFF!
THEY'RE TOO HEAVY TO FLIP OFF...
GOOD BOY, ROBIN!
NOW I CAN THROW THESE CROOKS OFF--GET TO MY FEET--
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NOW THAT I'VE GOT MY FEET ON SOLID GROUND--
SWOTT!
I CAN SET MYSELF FOR A SOLID LEFT HOOK...
SMAK!
...AND A RIGHT UPPERCUT!
GYAAGH!
ZZOOCK!
MEANWHILE, THE BOY WONDER FINDS THREE THUGS A BIT MORE THAN HE CAN HANDLE...
GANGING UP ON ME--
NEED SOME MANEUVERING ROOM--!
BUT IN DUCKING AWAY FROM A ROUNDHOUSE PUNCH...
WHUNK!

SUDDENLY OUT OF THE SHADOWS OF THE HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY, WHIPS THE BATROPE...
THAT WAS GOOD NOOSE, BATMAN...
SOON AS I CLEAR MY HEAD-- I'LL PITCH IN...
BUT AS THE MASKED MAN-HUNTER HAULS IN HIS CATCH...
THEY-- RUSHED ME--!
NEXT MOMENT SIX GUNS LIFT AS SIX FINGERS CURL ABOUT HALF A DOZEN TRIGGERS...
OBVIOUSLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN USE A HELPING HAND!
INCHES FROM THE BARS OF THE SEXTET OF GUNMEN, TINY BOMBS ATTACHED TO THE THONGS OF THE CAT-O-NINE TAILS DETONATE WITH DEAFENING FURY...
BOOM!
CRACK!
BLAM!
WHOPP!
EEEEY! IT'S LIKE MY HEAD WAS BUSTIN' OPEN!
CRACK!
QUICK, ROBIN-- BEFORE THEY RECOVER FROM THAT NOISE BOMBARDMENT!
FOR ONCE IN MY LIFE--I'M ACTUALLY HAPPY TO SEE YOU, CATWOMAN!

BLESS YOU FOR THOSE KIND WORDS, ROBIN!
JUST FOR THAT I'LL FETCH OUT MY CAT-COMPACT AND...
DUST OFF THOSE CROOKS FOR YOU!
MMMPPFF!
KOFF!
KOFF!
=ULP!= HOW COME THEY WERE AFFECTED BY THAT POWDER AND I WASN'T, CATWOMAN?
WHY, ROBIN! YOU DON'T THINK I'D HARM EITHER YOU OR BATMAN? MY CAT-POWDER WORKS ONLY AGAINST THIEVES--NOT CRIME CRUSADERS!
AND SPEAKING OF BATMAN--PARDON ME, ROBIN!
WHEN THE SMOKE OF BATTLE CLEARS...
BATGIRL HAS HAD HER DAY--AND NIGHT, BATMAN!
COULD SHE HAVE HELPED YOU--AS I DID?
MY CATARANG WILL LIGHTEN YOUR BURDON, BATMAN SWEETIE!
DO I DETECT A NOTE OF AFFECTION IN CATWOMAN'S VOICE?
COULD BATGIRL DO THAT, BATMAN?
THERE'S THAT CONCERN OVER BATGIRL AGAIN!
WHONK!

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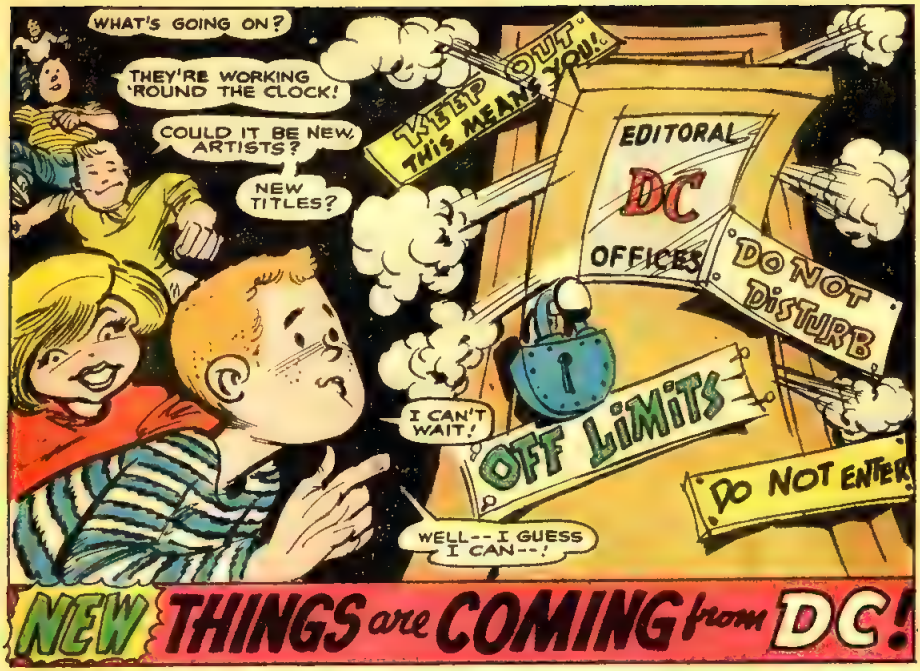

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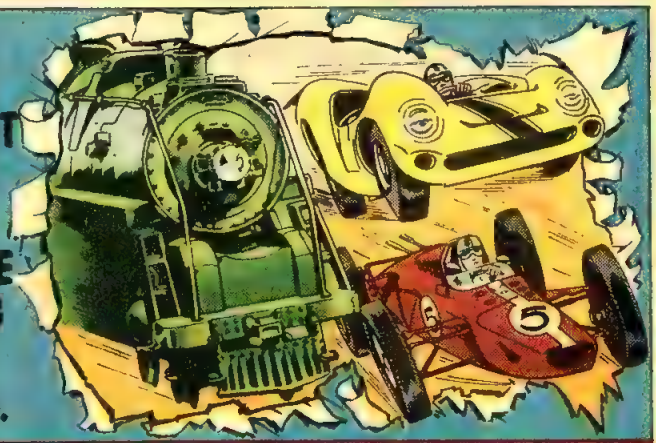

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AS THE FELINE FURY DRIVES OFF...
ONE THING'S FOR SURE--WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE AS WELL AS WE DID WITHOUT HER!
THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT A "CAT" IN A SILK HANDKERCHIEF FACTORY!
PERHAPS SHE'S REFORMED PERMANENTLY!
HAS CATWOMAN REALLY ABANDONED HER CAT-MOTIVE? THIS BURNING THOUGHT SEARS THE MIND OF BARBARA (BATGIRL) GORDON NEXT DAY IN THE LIBRARY OF WHICH SHE IS BOSS-LADY...
I SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMETHING ABOUT SILK HANDKERCHIEFS...A PARTICULAR WORD THAT MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY TELLS ME MAY FIT IN...
ALONE IN HER OFFICE, SHE TURNS ON THE RADIO, FOR BABS GORDON HAS TRAINED HERSELF TO READ A BOOK AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ABSORB WHAT IS BEING SAID TO HER...
IF ROBIN COULD SEE ME NOW, HE'D SAY THAT SINCE I HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, I OUGHT TO WEAR A FILMY DRESS WHEN I USE IT...
CLICK
OUR REPORTER ON THE SPOT INFORMS US THAT LAST NIGHT WHEN BATMAN MADE HIS REPORT TO THE POLICE, HE TOLD THEM THAT CATWOMAN AGAIN REMARKED--"ANYTHING BATGIRL CAN DO, I CAN DO--BETTER!"
AH--HERE'S THAT WORD--
PULICAT!
Pulicat
A PULICAT IS A SILK BANDANA OR HANDKERCHIEF! IT DERIVES ITS NAME FROM LAKE PULICAT IN MADRAS, INDIA. WHERE IT IS MANUFACTURED--WHAT'S THAT?
CATWOMAN MENTIONING BATGIRL?
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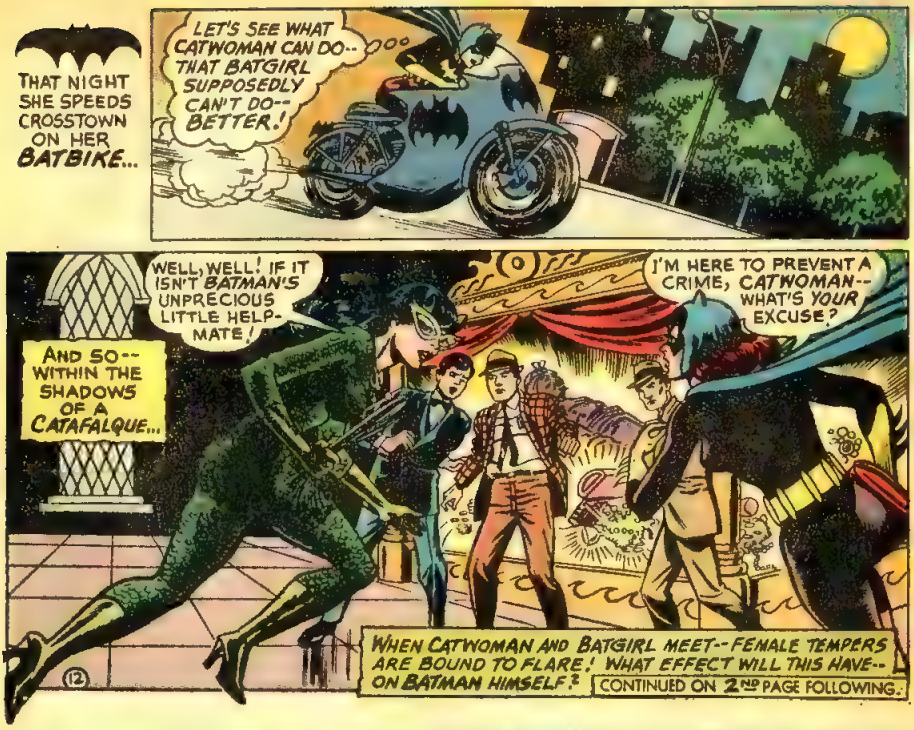
THE INFERENCE WAS THAT CATWOMAN WAS MOCKING BATGIRL...
WAS SHE NOW? MAYBE I'D JUST BETTER SEE FOR MYSELF, NEXT TIME SHE GOES PROWLING IN THAT KITTY CAR OF HERS!
SHE'S ROUSED MY FEMININE CURIOSITY--- AS WELL AS MY FEMININE INTUITION!
AND THAT SAME INTUITION TELLS ME CATWOMAN WILL STRIKE AT THE GOTHAM WAX MUSEUM-- WHERE A BIER OF A FAR EASTERN MAHARAJAH IS ON LOAN FROM HIS NATIVE COUNTRY!
ESPECIALLY SINCE A BIER IS ALSO KNOWN AS A-- CATAFALQUE!
Daily Gotham
THERE ARE TREASURE CHESTS OF REAL EMERALDS, REAL DIAMONDS, REAL PEARLS AT THAT CATAFALQUE, TO LEND THE WAX FIGURE AN AIR OF REALITY AS IT LIES IN STATE!
IF CROOKS MAKE A TRY FOR THOSE JEWELS- CATWOMAN IS BOUND TO MAKE A TRY FOR THE CROOKS!
INSIDE HER PRIVATE CLOSET, FINGERS PULL DOWN THE ROLL-RIM OF A BERET, FORMING A COWL...
NEITHER OF THEM IS GOING TO GET WHAT THEY WANT...
...FOR A SHOWDOWN WITH CATWOMAN...
...BECAUSE I'M GOING TO SHOW UP...
REVERSING HER SKIRT, SHE TURNS IT INTO A CAPE...
SHE ROLLS UP HER BOOT-FLAPS...
HER SPECIALLY DESIGNED HANDBAG BECOMES HER WEAPONS-POUCH...
...AS BATGIRL!


THAT NIGHT SHE SPEEDS CROSSTOWN ON HER BATBIKE...
LET'S SEE WHAT CATWOMAN CAN DO-- THAT BATGIRL SUPPOSEDLY CAN'T DO-- BETTER!
WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T BATMAN'S UNPRECIOUS LITTLE HELP-MATE!
I'M HERE TO PREVENT A CRIME, CATWOMAN-- WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?
AND SO-- WITHIN THE SHADOWS OF A CATAFALQUE...
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LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE--EXTRA

DEAR EDITOR:

In a previous letter column you stated that "we do not know Alfred's last name—any more than we know Commission Gordon's first name!"

In *Detective Comics* 96, in the story, "Alfred, Private Detective," it was revealed that Alfred's last name is Beagle.

In *World's Finest Comics* 53, in the story, "The Private Life of Commissioner Gordon," it was revealed that the Commissioner's full name is James W. Gordon. It is also stated that he was born January 5, 1900, graduated from law school June 6, 1924, married October 11, 1926, and had a son named Tony. Tony seemed to be (then, in 1951) about 18. Gordon's wife was not named, although it was stated that she had a sister named Martha.

—Daniel J. Alderson & Edwin O. Buchman, Tujunga,-Cal.

(That clears up the name mystery—or does it? Read on.—*Editor*)

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DEAR EDITOR:

I have it! Alfred's last name! On the March 22 Batman-TV show, Alfred's last name was given as Roodoo. If anyone doubts it, I can prove it because I taped that particular show.

—Robert Pinaha, Sayreville, N.J.

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DEAR EDITOR:

I write to announce my startling discovery as to Alfred's first name and Comm. Gordon's last. My private investigator (young English chap named Holmes, working his way up) informs me that Messrs. Alfred and Gordon are really moonlighting for other magazines! Their real handles: Alfred E. *Neuman* and *Flash* Gordon! Guess you'd better start paying your supporting characters more.

*Mad*ly yours,

"Old King" Cole Bleckley, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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DEAR EDITOR:

First, I would like to mention the fact that I'll be sixteen in March, and that I am not a juvenile delinquent, nor a drop-out, nor a social outcast. Howcum I like *Batman?* For the same reason millions of other kids, younger and older, like him. Perhaps I'd better start at the beginning (a great place to start):

When I first started buying comics about nine years ago, I bought *Superman, Lois Lane,* etc. I graduated out of them a few years later and started on *The Flash* (a real winner—Fox and Infantino), *Green Lantern, Justice League of America,* and *The Atom.* I had always been a sort of on-again-off-again *Batman* fan. Bob Kane's artwork really didn't turn me on, the stories were lacking the old flair the older ones had, and the *Caped Crusader* seemed to be heading for a fall. Now don't get me wrong: I like *Batman.* I thought he was the best and most believable hero in the business; I even told my friends that of all heroes, *Batman* would be the best on TV. However, he just wasn't going anywhere, plotwise and artwise, so I never bought him. I only bought the *Annuals,* because the stories within represented the *Batman* I liked—dark, mysterious; a detective cloaked in a flowing cape, fluttering in the night breeze, silhouetted against the bright moon (sort of long-winded, huh?). Anyhow, I thought he had had it as a mystery character, what with all the aliens fluttering into the pages of *Detective* and *Batman.*

Then, it HAPPENED!

I had just about given up buying ALL comics when it happened. My mom would throw them out, or I would lose them or give them to my younger cousins. I still liked comics, but no longer felt comfortable buying one in the corner drug store with all sorts of people looking at you. (Don't laugh; I bet there are many older readers reading this and agreeing with me.)

Then, as I said, it HAPPENED!

Detective Comics number 327 appeared on the stands at the drug store. I was shocked . . . no, *pleased!* From then on, the rest is history. Here was *Batman* as I imagined him; not stiff, aloft, bulky. Here was a dramatic, clear, perfectly illustrated Man of the Night. Here was mystery, action, the right touches of science-fiction. A more natural *Robin.* A more social Bruce Wayne. A slicker *Batmobile.* Even Bob Kane's art became fantastically better.

Well, the *Batman-TV* series followed; it was well-done, slick, well-acted, etc., but left one with a feeling that it was a joke. The producers have even admitted that it is. But as long as it doesn't affect the comic, I thought. However, as another reader has pointed out in the EXTRA department, try not to overdo it, okay? Less gimmicks, less POW, less Holy—, and the like. Keep *Batman* dark and mysterious!

—Dennis Palumbo, Verona, Pa.

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DEAR EDITOR:

It is now my opportunity to let my voice be heard by those who claim that your mag is too *camp* to be believed. They say BIFFS and ZAMS are no good, but I believe they add color and excitement to the fights that *Batman* and *Robin* face. They also beef about outlandish villains, but would they buy a comic with two-bit crooks in them? No!

So I have come to the conclusion that outlandish criminals are the smartest and deserve to fight *B&R* the most. They say that puns and Holys are bad, but if you were a crime-fighter wouldn't you try to keep a sense of humor after escaping death by the skin of your teeth?

So we might as well get used to *campism.* It's part of man's changing world.

—Mike Jones, Washington, Iowa.

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DEAR EDITOR:

I don't actually read *Batman Comics.* I skim through them. But when I get to the LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE, that's what I enjoy. I always read them to my mother. She laughs. (She laughed when I read her this too.)

—Karen Cocklurn, Nome, Alaska.

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Address communications to LETTERS TO THE BATCAVE—EXTRA, National Periodical Publications, 575 Lexington Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022.

YOU CAN HAVE FIRST CRACK AT THOSE CROOKS, BATGIRL!
I'VE ALREADY CONVINCED BATMAN I'M A BETTER FIGHTER THAN YOU--SO AFTER YOU FAIL MISERABLY AT CAPTURING THOSE CROOKS, I'LL CONVINCE YOU, TOO!
TALK IS CHEAP...
WHAT COUNTS IS ACTION--
OOPS!
MY CHOP MISSED HIS NECK--LANDED ON HIS SHOULDER INSTEAD!
MY TURN NOW, BATGIRL!
BETTER SWITCH TO A JUDO DEFENSE AGAINST THAT BILLY-ARMED THUG..
WHA--?! INSTEAD OF GETTING MY LEVERAGE GRIP UNDER HIS ARM, MY HAND WENT OVER IT!
JUST AS SOON AS YOU ADMIT HOW INEPT YOU ARE, BATGIRL--I'LL TAKE OVER!
IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME WHY YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN YOURSELF KILLED BEFORE THIS, IF YOU CAN'T DO ANY BETTER THAN THAT!
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AGAIN THE DOMINOED DAREDOLL IS OFF TARGET...
HURLED MYSELF AT HIS LEGS--
WHUMP!
AND ENDED UP AGAINST THIS CATAFALQUE POST,?!
SUDDENLY THE CAT-O'-NINE TAILS LOOPS ACROSS THE ROOM...
THWAAK!
MUSTN'T HIT A LADY, BOYS -- ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S DOWN.'
IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SOON AFTERWARD...
BATMAN.' I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
I'VE BEEN ASKING ALL ALONG IF BATGIRL COULD DO WHAT I COULD--AND NOW I HAVE THE PROOF POSITIVE.!
GO ON, BATGIRL! TELL BATMAN WHAT HAPPENED!
REALLY! WHAT DID BATMAN EVER SEE IN YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE, BATGIRL?
YOU'VE MADE A MISHMASH OF THIS.'
SHE'S RIGHT.' I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT--
BONK!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE, GIRLIE.'
THE IDEA IS TO HIT THE CROOKS--LIKE SO!--AND KNOCK THEM OUT.'
THEN ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TURN THEM OVER TO THE POLICE.'
THWAK!

DISAPPOINTMENT AND CHAGRIN SHOW IN EVERY INCH OF BATGIRL'S DROOPING HEAD AND SHOULDERS AS...
CATWOMAN'S RIGHT--SHE SUCCEEDED WHERE I FAILED!
IF I HAD BEEN ALONE--THOSE CROOKS WOULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH THE LOOT--
LEAVING ME BEHIND IN--A SORRY STATE...
THERE IS A MOMENT OF SILENCE AS SHE TURNS AND WALKS AWAY...
NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW--WHAT IT COST ME TO SAY THAT--IN FRONT OF THAT OTHER WOMAN!
I OUGHT TO HANG UP MY UNIFORM--QUIT THE CROOK-CATCHING BUSINESS--LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, SELINA (CATWOMAN) KYLE FINDS HERSELF THE MOST CELEBRATED WOMAN IN GOTHAM CITY...
GOSH, BRUCE--LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WANTING HER TO AUTOGRAPH COPIES OF HER BOOK THEY BOUGHT!
SHE'S THE LION--LIONESS--OF THE HOUR, DICK!
THE GOLDEN CAT RESTAURANT HAS NEVER BEEN SO CROWDED
BARBARA GORDON! WHAT'S GOTHAM CITY'S HEAD LIBRARIAN DOING HERE?
WELL, I'M GOING TO GET NEAR HER! OUR WAYNE FOUNDATION CHARITY DINNER TO RAISE RESEARCH FUNDS IS BOGGING DOWN...
HELLO, BRUCE! I WAS GOING TO ASK MISS KYLE TO DONATE THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF HER BEST-SELLER TO THE LIBRARY--BUT I CAN'T GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HER--
GOLDEN CAT
...SO I THOUGHT, MISS KYLE, THAT IF YOU WOULD ATTEND THE AFFAIR, IT'D BE A SELLOUT!
SORRY, MR. WAYNE. IN MY NEW ROLE OF CROOK-CATCHER--I HAVE NO TIME FOR SUCH THINGS!
OH, SELINA--CATWOMAN! IF ONLY YOU REALIZED YOU WERE IN THE PRESENCE OF YOUR BELOVED BATMAN!
YES, INDEED! CATWOMAN'S NIGHTS ARE FULLY OCCUPIED AS SHE BATTLES THE LAWLESS FROM DUSK TO DAWN...
BATGIRL TEAMED UP WITH BATMAN TO MAKE HIM FALL FOR HER--BUT NOW SHE'S OUT OF THE PICTURE!
AND STILL BATMAN HASN'T TOLD ME HE LOVES ME! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM, ANYHOW?
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WHEN SHE MEETS THE CAPED CRUSADER, SHE THROWS DISCRETION TO THE WIND, AND...
MADE UP YOUR MIND YET, BATMAN?
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ASK ME TO JOIN YOU IN CROOK-CATCHING--AND IN WEDLOCK?
I'M QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE RIGHT NOW, CATWOMAN!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT! HE'S ALOOF--AND I'M IN LOVE!
HERE I GO AND ELIMINATE BATGIRL--AND ALL HE CAN SAY IS--HE'S SATISFIED!
WELL, HE MAY BE SATISFIED--BUT I'M NOT!
OOOH! THAT MAN MAKES ME SO MAD--I FEEL LIKE GOING BACK TO CAT-CRIMES AGAIN!
BUT I'LL GIVE HIM ONE MORE CHANCE!
SINCE I'M A WOMAN IN LOVE--I'D RATHER BE WITH THE MAN I LOVE!
IF HE WON'T MAKE THE FIRST MOVE--I'VE GOT TO STOP BEING COY--I'LL ASK BATMAN TO MARRY ME!
IF HE REFUSES--AHH, BUT HE WON'T REFUSE, NOT WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE CHOICE I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM!
IN THE BATCAVE, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT..
I DON'T WANT TO SOUND EGOTISTICAL, ROBIN--BUT I'VE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT CATWOMAN IS IN LOVE WITH ME!
OF COURSE SHE IS! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT--BUT YOU!
THE QUESTION IS--WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
MAKE A CERTAIN PRECAUTIONARY MOVE BEFORE GOING OUT TONIGHT--AND SO ARE YOU!
ME? BUT SHE'S NOT IN LOVE WITH ME!
PERHAPS NOT! NEVERTHELESS, WE'LL BOTH TAKE THAT CERTAIN PRECAUTION!

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YOU ARE UNDER THE SPELL OF KA·BALA

KA·BALA
THE MYSTIC ONE
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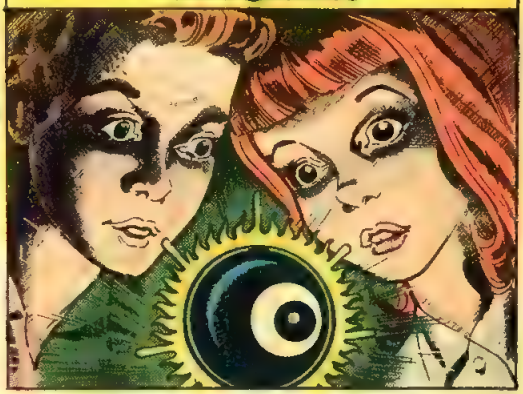
THE SECRETS OF YOUR FUTURE

YOU'VE TURNED OUT ALL THE LIGHTS. IN THE DARK OF THE ROOM AN EERIE GREEN GLOW.
IT'S KA·BALA!



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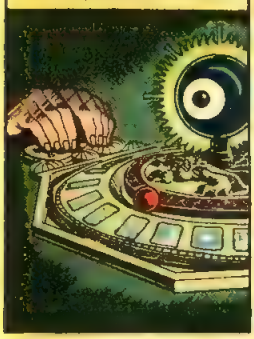

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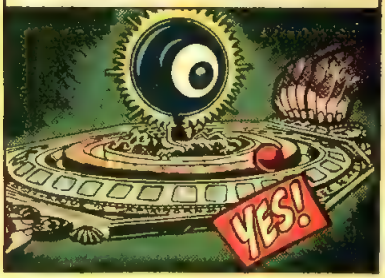
YOU WATCH THE EVER-SEARCHING EYE OF ZOHAR. ROUND AND ROUND THE CRYSTAL MARBLE GOES. WHERE WILL IT STOP? ONLY KA·BALA KNOWS. WILL IT SPELL "YES"? WILL IT SPELL "NO"? ANXIOUSLY YOU WAIT AS THE FUTURE UNFOLDS.



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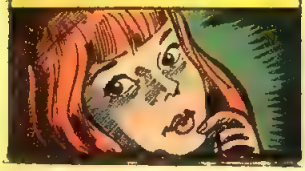

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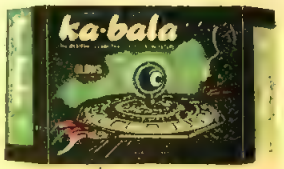

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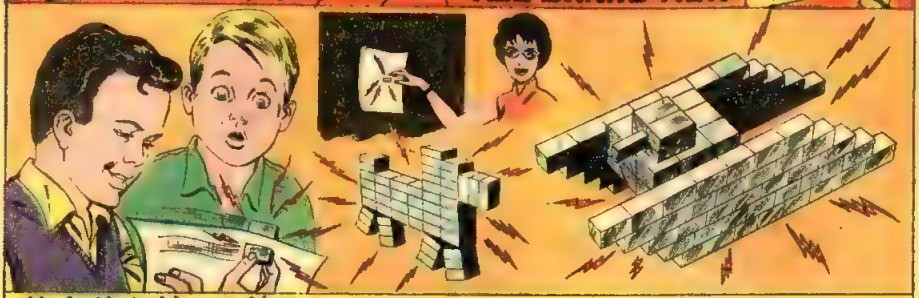

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BATMAN AND ROBIN!
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AN' BATGIRL TOO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BATGIRL? I THOUGHT YOU'D LEARNED YOUR LESSON!
I THOUGHT I HAD, TOO--UNTIL MY PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY RECALLED A CERTAIN WORD--
CATOPTRICS--THAT BRANCH OF OPTICS WHICH DEALS WITH THE REFLECTION OF LIGHT!
THE BAUBLE YOU KEPT SWINGING DISTORTED THE LIGHT--AND MY VISION--JUST ENOUGH--TO THROW MY TIMING OFF!
TO HER INTENSE SURPRISE, THE MASKED MAIDEN DISCOVERS THAT CATWOMAN IS NOT EVEN LISTENING...
SINCE I KNEW YOU'D CAUSED ME TO LOOK BAD I DECIDED TO COME OUT TONIGHT! I GOT A FIX ON YOUR KITTY CAR AND--
BATMAN--LOOK OUT!
SWOOP!
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NOW THAT CAT'S REALLY SHOWING HER CLAWS!
BUT SHE ISN'T GOING TO GET AWAY WITH IT!
THUNK!
I'M TAKING YOU TO MY CATACOMBS, BATMAN!
YOU'LL TAKE BATMAN TO YOUR CATACOMBS OVER MY DEAD BODY, CATWOMAN!
HAVE IT YOUR OWN WAY, BATGIRL!
NEXT INSTANT...
;OHHH; I'M BEGINNING TO CATCH WISE!
ALL THOSE "CRIMINALS" YOU CAUGHT--WERE YOUR OWN MEN! NO WONDER THEY ONLY ROBBED PLACES WITH A "CAT" TIE-IN!
GANG!
AND LATER, IN THE CATACOMBS, AFTER SENDING HER MEN INTO THE NEXT ROOM...
I CAN'T RESIST SEEING WHAT BATMAN REALLY LOOKS LIKE!
I DON'T WANT MY BOYS AROUND--FOR NONE BUT I MUST SEE BATMAN'S UNMASKED FACE! WHEN HE MARRIES ME, HE'LL HAVE NO SECRETS FROM ME--SO I'LL JUST JUMP THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY A LITTLE!
BUT AS THAT COWL PEELS BACK...
EH?!
WHAT A MAN! HE OUT-SMARTED ME--BY PAINTING HIS FACE IN THE SEMBLANCE OF HIS OWN MASK!
WELL, AT LEAST I CAN HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF SEEING WHAT ROBIN AND BATGIRL REALLY LOOK LIKE!

ONCE MORE THE PRINCESS OF PLUNDER STARES IN ANGRY DISMAY...
THEY'RE PAINT-MASKED TOO.!
I'D TRY TO REMOVE THAT PAINT--BUT IF THEY WERE ALL SO FORE-SIGHTED TO TAKE SUCH PRE-CAUTIONS, I'M SURE SOME SPECIAL CHEMICAL IS NEEDED TO GET RID OF IT!
SUMMONING HER MEN FROM THE NEXT ROOM, THE FELINE FELON SNAPS HER ORDERS...
PICK THEM UP! PUT THEM IN THE TRAP I'VE ARRANGED FOR THEM.!
AND DON'T FORGET TO REMOVE THEIR UTILITY BELTS--AND WEAPONS-BAG!
SHORTLY...
GOOD! I SEE YOU CAME TO FIRST, BATMAN!
WE HAVE MATTERS TO TALK OVER, YOU AND I! YOU SEE, I REFORMED FOR YOU--BUT YOU HAVEN'T REWARDED ME BY PROPOSING TO ME!
SO I'VE BROUGHT YOU HERE TO FORCE YOU TO DECIDE--
DO I GO BACK TO MY CRIME CAREER AS CATWOMAN--OR ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THE MAGIC WORDS "MARRY ME!"--AND MAKE ME THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD?
NEITHER ROBIN NOR BATGIRL CAN HELP YOU NOW, SO DO I GO ON RUTHLESSLY ROBBING--OR ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME YOUR BRIDE.?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR DILLY-DALLYING! MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

WITH A GRIM SMILE THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD...
REALLY, NOW, CATWOMAN! YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO STAND HERE AND LET YOU THREATEN ME LIKE THIS?
CAREFUL, BATMAN-- I WARN YOU!
SUDDENLY, MYSTERIOUSLY, THE AIR IS RENT BY AN ANGRY CAT-SNARL AS THE MASKED-MAN-HUNTER STIFFENS IN AGONY...
MEEE-OWWRRRR
OHHH! THAT SOUND-- STABBING INTO MY BODY-- MY BRAIN--LIKE SHARP HOT KNIVES!
IF YOU CAN'T STAND IT, BATMAN--GET BACK ON THAT METAL DISC!
PANTING AND SWEATING WITH THE STRAIN OF TORTURED NERVES, BATMAN DROPS INTO THE SAFETY ZONE OF THE SOUND-TRAP...
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE MY CATAPHONIC TRAP! THOSE CAT'S SNARLS FORM AN INVISIBLE CAT'S CRADLE OF SOUND WAVES--BOUNDING BACK AND FORTH LIKE STRINGS CHILDREN PUT ON THEIR FINGERS--WHICH GO RIGHT THROUGH YOUR BODY TO THE BRAIN'S CONTROL CENTER!
NOW--GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER! AM I TO BE-- BRIDE OR BURGLAR?
THE ANSWER IS--NO!
ON YOUR HEAD BE IT!
I'LL LEAVE YOU HERE-- TORTURED BY THE KNOWLEDGE I'M GOING OUT TO ROB THE WORLD'S MOST FABULOUS POKER GAME!
STARTING OUT WITH THE GAME'S "KITTY" OF COURSE!
SHORTLY, AT A PLUSH PRIVATE CLUBROOM IN GOTHAM CITY...
THE RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD--AND THE WEALTHIEST WOMAN!
I'LL TAKE NOT ONLY THE KITTY BUT THE POT OF CASH AND JEWELS!
SNAPPPP!
SINCE EACH OF THEM COMES TO THESE ANNUAL POKER GAMES WITH A MILLION DOLLARS-- I'VE MADE A REAL "KILLING"! I'M THE ONLY WINNER!

SOON, BACK IN THE CATACOMBS HIDEAWAY...
MEN, PUT MY FIVE MILLION HAUL BEFORE BATMAN-- AND LET HIM EAT HIS HEART OUT!
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT ROBBERY, BATMAN --YOU FORCED ME INTO IT!
AFTER HER CAT-CROOKS LEAVE...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CHANGE YOUR MIND--AND I'LL SEND BACK THE LOOT!
YOU CAN NEVER CHANGE YOUR SPOTS, CATWOMAN!
ONCE A CROOK-- ALWAYS A CROOK WHERE YOU'RE CONCERNED!
BATGIRL COMING THROUGH MY SOUND-TRAP--?!
HOWEVER YOU MANAGED IT, I'LL QUICKLY CUT YOU DOWN!
GOING TO USE THAT CAT'S-EYE BAUBLE AGAIN TO DISTORT MY VISION-!
MY KARATE-HAND IS QUICKER THAN YOUR CAT'S-EYE...
SOK!
KRAAAKK!
AIEEE!
YOU MEN IN THE NEXT ROOM--
HELP! HELP!
WHUMMMPP?!
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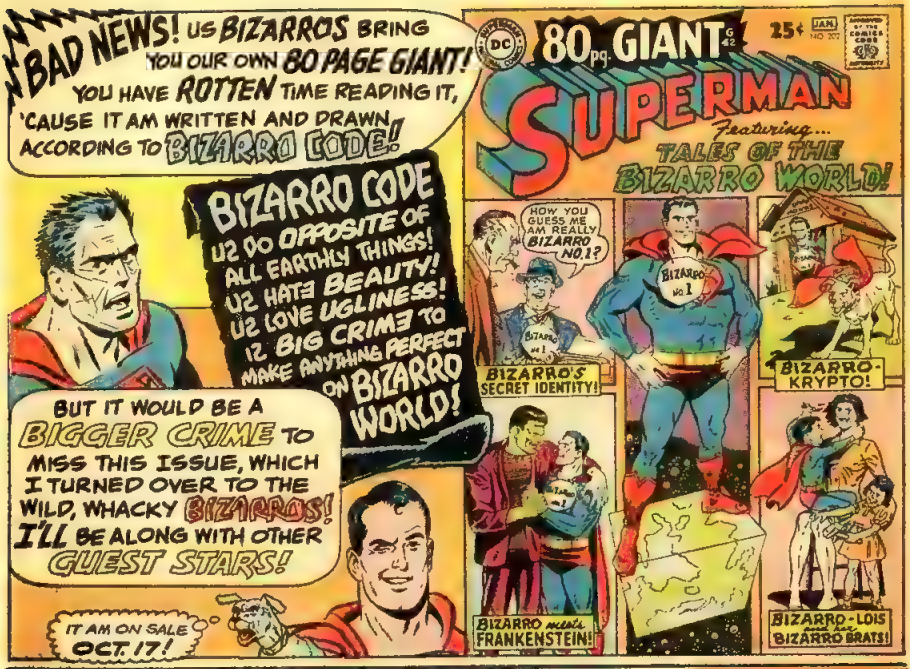
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DO YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT SIGNAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN--A CAT-CALL?
PAPPP!
SOKK!
WHEN THE BATTLING IS OVER...
HOW DID YOU EVER GET OUT OF MY ESCAPE-PROOF SOUND-TRAP, BATMAN?
WITH THE HELP OF BATGIRL, SHE SIMPLY TALKED ME OUT OF IT!
"WHEN WE WERE ALONE, I ASKED HER TO REMOVE HER GLOVE AND SWING IT BACK AND FORTH WHILE I CONCENTRATED MY ATTENTION ON IT..."
IT ISN'T WORKING! I'M NOT BEING HYPNOTIZED!
I HAVE AN IDEA, BATMAN! I'VE READ A GREAT DEAL ABOUT HYPNOTISM, THOUGH I'VE NEVER PRACTICED IT!
BY SWINGING MY GLOVE GENTLY AGAINST THE TRAP'S SOUND-BARRIER--I'LL MAKE IT EMIT LOW SOUNDS--SOOTHING NOISES LIKE A SOFT PURR...
HYPNOTISTS INDUCE SLEEP BY SOFT WORDS--OR SOUNDS--
MEEOOOWW MEOOOOWW
"SURE ENOUGH I FELL UNDER HER SPELL--AND JUST AS HYPNOTIZED PEOPLE FEEL NO SENSATION OF PAIN FROM A PIN-PRICK OR A MATCH FLAME HELD UNDER THEIR FINGERS--NEITHER DID I AS..."
WALK FORWARD BATMAN! YOU WILL EXPERIENCE NO PAIN--
NOW STEP OVER TO THE CONTROLS AND SHUT OFF THE SOUND-TRAP!
ATTA GIRL--YOU'RE DOING IT!

ONE LAST QUESTION--HOW COME YOU PAINTED YOUR FACES WITH MASKS? SURELY YOU COULDN'T HAVE ANTICIPATED I'D TRY TO UNMASK YOU?
BUT I DID, CATWOMAN! I REALIZED YOU LOVED ME--AND WHAT WOMAN DOESN'T WANT TO LOOK UPON THE FACE OF HER BELOVED?
AND I ALWAYS FOLLOW BATMAN'S EXAMPLE!
WHAT ABOUT YOU? I SUPPOSE YOU THOUGHT I'D BE "CATTY" ENOUGH TO WANT TO SEE WHAT MY RIVAL LOOKED LIKE?
I DON'T CONSIDER MYSELF A RIVAL OF YOURS, CATWOMAN! I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO ROMANTIC INTEREST IN BATMAN!
BUT I DID REALIZE YOU WEREN'T TO BE TRUSTED!
NO ROMANTIC INTEREST IN BATMAN? HAH! THAT'S A LIKELY STORY!
IT HAPPENS TO BE TRUE, CATWOMAN! IF YOU'D KNOWN THAT FROM THE BEGINNING--YOU WOULDN'T BE ABOUT TO CAT-WALK TO THE NEAREST JAIL!
THE END
DIG What's COMING
THE WINNER!
HENRY BOLTINOFF
HUH? HE'S NOT STOPPING!
WAIT! DON'T YOU WANT YOUR TROPHY?
I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHO WON THAT SUPER-SPEED RACE BETWEEN FLASH AND SUPERMAN!
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The FLASH
SUPERMAN I QUIT... I CAN'T... BEAT YOU...
I FINALLY GOT YOU TO ADMIT YOU'RE NOT THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE, FLASH!
WHY
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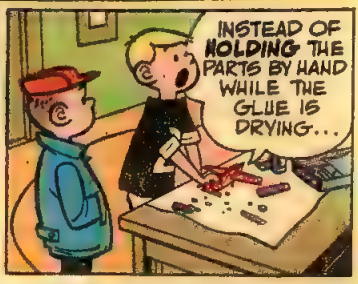

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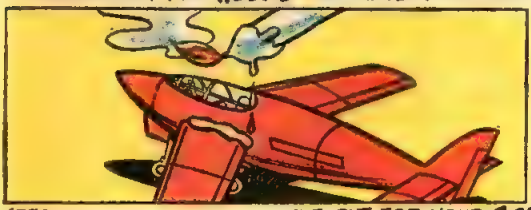

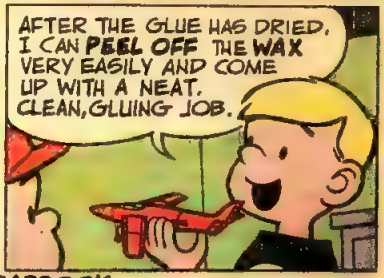

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